



Clinical Congress News

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General Sessions

Here are the panel discussions, symposia, and general lectures that will be held Wednesday under the Program Book listing "General Sessions."

Wednesday

Cancer Symposium

Colon Cancer
8:00 am in the Lindheimer Room
in McCormick Place East

General Panel Discussion

Wound Infections and Their Prevention
8:30 am in McMahon Room South
in McCormick Place East

General Panel Discussion

Revascularization of the Lower Leg
10:30 am in McMahon Room
South in McCormick Place East

International Relations Panel Discussion

The Geographical Specificity of Surgical Infections
10:30 am in the Arie Crown Theatre in McCormick Place East

General Panel Discussion

AIDS and the Surgical Team—1991
3:30 pm in the Arie Crown Theatre in McCormick Place East

Pre- and Postoperative Care Panel Discussion

Quality Assurance in Surgery: Who's Responsible?
3:30 in McMahon Room South in McCormick Place East

Trauma Action Program

Funding the Cost of Trauma Care
3:30 pm in the Jane Addams Room in McCormick Place East

Thursday Agenda

- Martin Memorial Lecture, 3:15 pm.
- Annual Meeting of Fellows, 4:00 pm.
- The Convocation, 8:00 pm.

Surgical researchers celebrate golden anniversary of forum

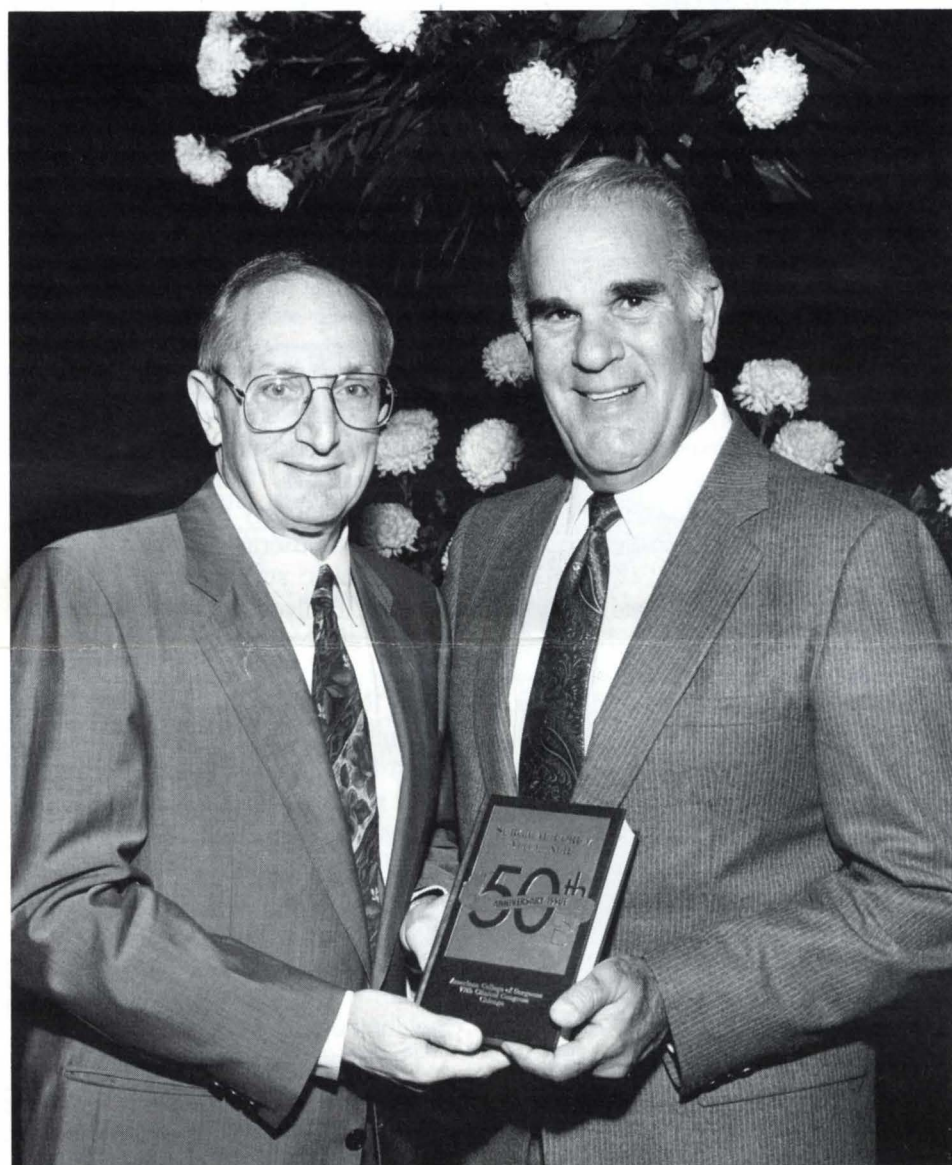
Gathered at a dais in Arie Crown Theatre yesterday were six leaders in modern surgery to present "A Celebration of Surgical Research: 50 Years of the Surgical Forum."

Beginning this golden anniversary celebration of surgical research was Arnold S. Leonard, MD, FACS, professor of surgery at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, who discussed "Owen Wangenstein and the Founding of the Surgical Forum." Dr. Leonard is a well-known biographer of Dr. Wangenstein.

Dr. Wangenstein was professor of surgery and head of the surgery department at the University of Minnesota from 1930-1967. At the university, Dr. Leonard said, Dr. Wangenstein had a "catalytic influence on house officers" by encouraging them to do creative laboratory research work. Dr. Wangenstein favored the use of the laboratory to develop skills as well as using an interdisciplinary approach punctuated by weekly meetings. Dr. Leonard said that this approach was the genesis of today's *Surgical Forum*.

Dr. Wangenstein first suggested a surgical forum in 1940 to The Society of University Surgeons, and subsequently sent a letter to Evarts Graham, MD, FACS, asking for a forum of surgical inquiry and solutions in fundamental research at the ACS. The *Surgical Forum* officially began in 1941 during the Clinical Congress in Boston, MA, and, Dr. Leonard said, has become the hallmark of surgical education for fledgling officers.

Robert M. Filler, MD, FACS, professor of pediatric surgery, University of Toronto, ON, who moderated this panel, then dedicated *Surgical Forum, Volume XLII*, to John S. Najarian, MD, FACS, Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Najarian told the audience that, as a past forum contributor himself, he believes the true pleasure for a young investigator of submitting a forum paper is that "individuals of a professorial rank" will discuss and review the work. In fact, he said, Dr. Wangenstein's concept for the surgical forum was to provide young surgeons with the opportunity to formally present their work, because they otherwise have limited outlets.



Robert M. Filler, MD, FACS, FRCS, (left) presented volume 42 of the *Surgical Forum* to this year's dedicatee, John S. Najarian, MD, FACS.

Joseph E. Murray, MD, FACS, emeritus professor of surgery, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, and recipient of the 1990 Nobel Prize in Medicine (for research in transplantation), spoke about "From Surgical Forum to Nobel Prize." Dr. Murray said that the *Surgical Forum* "has played an indispensable, vigorous role in transplantation," and cited forum papers published in the mid-1950s that began the evolution of organ transplantation from "bench to bedside." He reminded the audience that "no one person is responsible for surgical progress...from transplantation to Nobel Prize was a road constructed over five decades."

Francis D. Moore, MD, FACS, of Bos-

ton, MA, the 1976 *Surgical Forum* dedicatee, spoke about "Surgical Forum Contributions Over the Past 50 Years." "The forum," he said "was Owen Wangenstein's unique contribution to U.S. surgery. The forum, in turn, has left its stamp on the world." Dr. Moore said that the formation of the forum served notice to universities that they must establish research labs and funds to support the labs if they wish to "compete in this league." In reviewing the past 50 years of *Surgical Forum*, which includes 10,000 scientific papers, Dr. Moore said that three points stand out:

1. The forum allows senior physicians to work closely with their most junior

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Scudder Oration

Trauma at *fin de siecle* examined

"The last decade of a century receives special notice as a springboard to a new era," said George Sheldon, MD, FACS, who delivered the Scudder Oration on Trauma, "Trauma Manpower in the Decade of Aftershock," yesterday afternoon. Dr. Sheldon is professor and chairman in the department of surgery at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"The events of the decade of the 90s...resonate to a preceding cataclysmic decade, the '60s...Our current trauma system and manpower are products of the '60s," he said, pointing to the drug culture, increased violence, and motor vehicle accidents during that decade that resulted in the development of trauma teams. He also said that Viet Nam experiences in trauma care and transport were a stimulus to improve trauma systems.

In 1966, the need for improvement in trauma was documented in *Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society*, published by the National Academy of Science/National Research Council. This document, said Dr. Sheldon, helped to promote development of trauma center research programs and fellowships. "A generation of surgeons was stimulated by strong role models to academic careers in trauma," Dr. Sheldon said.

However, Dr. Sheldon said that although trauma developed as a discipline during the 1960s, it was not targeted as an area of manpower needs, although the number of medical school graduates increased dramatically as did the number of foreign medical graduates. "The increase in health manpower evolving from the 1960s has been largely in primary care fields, as was intended. The increase has not addressed the epidemic of trauma as a national priority requiring a specific and dedicated manpower pool," he said.

Dr. Sheldon said, "It is likely that a shortage of general surgeons' interest in trauma will occur. It is possible that general surgeons, orthopaedists, neurosurgeons, and other specialists necessary for our trauma system will minimize their involvement in direct trauma patient care and administration."

Dr. Sheldon next discussed several organizations that study and predict manpower trends: the Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee, the Health Services Research Agency, the ACS (*Longitudinal Study of Surgery Residents*), the American Board of Medical Specialties, and Council on Graduate Medical Education.

"All manpower studies are flawed by the inability to predict future needs...we are disadvantaged by the lack of a crystal ball," Dr. Sheldon said. However, he said that some predications need to be drawn to plan for the future.

He said that ACS data indicate minimal, if any, growth in general surgery and other surgical specialties, and that the American Medical Association's Council on Long Range Planning and Development projects that the use of services of general surgeons may increase. Dr. Sheldon said that "it is likely that a negative manpower balance exists for the specialty of surgery. There are probably as many surgeons retiring or dying as there are entering the practice of general surgery annually."

The American Board of Surgery notes only a small interest among candidates for board certification in pursuing trauma careers. "With many graduates of general surgery residency specializing in cardiothoracic, plastic, vascular, and pediatric surgery, they are probably not involved in delivering trauma or general surgery care," he said.

Dr. Sheldon discussed a survey by J. David Richardson and Frank B. Miller of Louisville, KY, of 1,800 residents in which two-thirds believed that trauma was a rewarding field, but only 18 percent wanted it as a career or as a major part of their practice. "A surprising and disturbing observation was the negative impact of some trauma surgeons as role models being cited as a reason for not pursuing trauma as a career," Dr. Sheldon noted.

"The approach to trauma manpower in the decade of the '90s, the decade of aftershock, involves the restructuring of many priorities of health care delivery...The *fin de siecle* of the 20th century hopefully will be remembered as a period of visionary planning for trauma manpower for the 21st century," he concluded.



The recipient of this year's National Safety Council's Surgeons' Award for Distinguished Service to Safety is Basil A. Pruitt, Jr., MD, FACS (right) from San Antonio, TX. Dr. Noel Bufe, Director of the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University and Vice-President for Traffic Safety of the National Safety Council in Chicago presented the award at the annual Committee on Trauma dinner on Monday. This award is presented each year through the joint efforts of the National Safety Council, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Association of Surgeons of Trauma, and recognizes outstanding contributions in all aspects of the care of the injured patient.

Special edition of *Surgical Forum* available

To commemorate the golden anniversary of the *Surgical Forum*, the College is publishing a limited number of the 1991 edition in hardcover. Volume XLII of the *Surgical Forum* includes a testimonial to the inauguration of the Surgical Forum in 1941, which was compiled by Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., MD, FACS, of Galveston, TX, at the request of the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems. The special hardcover edition of this year's *Surgical Forum* volume may be obtained at a cost of \$25 each. Further information is available at the Surgical Forum desk in the Registration area of McCormick Place.

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High-risk specialties face hard times

Experts on professional liability from the fields of obstetrics/gynecology, orthopaedic surgery, and neurological surgery gathered yesterday morning to bring Fellows up to date on the latest developments in those "high-risk" specialties. The panel on professional liability was moderated by George D. Malkasian, Jr., MD, FACS, Rochester, MN, who is a member of the Committee on Professional Liability of the ACS Board of Regents.

The first speaker was Ken Heland, an attorney and associate director at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) in Washington, DC. Mr. Heland presented data emanating from the last two surveys undertaken by ACOG in 1987 and 1990. These surveys examined actual closed malpractice claims. Mr. Heland stated that approximately 50 percent of all claims resulted from neurologically damaged and stillborn infants. Brain damage in newborns accounts for over 30 percent

of claims, is the most expensive case in terms of payout, and requires the longest time to settle—almost seven years from incident to closing, Mr. Heland said.

In response to the high rate of malpractice suits, ACOG data indicate that, since 1983, 12.2 percent of their members have dropped the practice of obstetrics altogether; of that number, 62 percent gave up before the age of 55, and 31.3 percent gave up before age 45, he stated.

In the legislative arena, Mr. Heland said that ACOG is currently considering "trip insurance," no-fault programs, mandatory binding arbitration, and fault-based administrative systems as possible options for tort reform.

The second speaker was Ernest H. Neighbor, MD, FACS, an orthopaedic surgeon from Kansas City, MO. Dr. Neighbor cited a recent study that examined closed malpractice claims regarding tibial fractures. Of 129 cases reviewed, 36 percent received compensation ranging from \$2,500 to \$1 mil-

lion. The cases, he said, could be grouped into four categories: (1) vascular/compartiment syndrome (the largest payouts), (2) infection, (3) nonunion or malunion of bones, and (4) miscellaneous fractures and complications.

Dr. Neighbor noted actions being taken by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in the area of professional liability, including a position statement on the use of the expert witness, an expert witness clearinghouse, federal tort reform proposals, and a comprehensive review of closed malpractice cases.

The final speaker was Richard L. Rovit, MD, FACS, a neurosurgeon from New York City. Dr. Rovit cited two examples of recent settlements in the state of New York: a \$2,280,000 verdict was returned against a neurosurgeon based solely on the lack of informed consent; and a \$9 million verdict was returned against a neurosurgeon for alleged failure to promptly institute anticoagulant treatment in a 39-year-old stroke victim,

leading to the development of quadriplegia. These cases demonstrate the magnitude of payout settlements that place neurosurgery at the top of this ominous list, he said.

Data from a five-year study undertaken by a physician insurance company indicate that the most frequent conditions for which neurosurgeons are sued involve the disc/cervical spine, and *not* intracranial disease, as one might expect. Dr. Rovit noted that in this study, over 90 percent of suit losses involved incidents occurring in hospitals (35 percent in teaching hospitals, 52.4 percent in nonteaching hospitals). Of this number, over 60 percent of the suit losses were derived from incidents in the operating room.

"Some of the side effects of this liability crisis include the unwillingness of a number of neurosurgeons to take on high-risk patients, a decrease in neurosurgical residencies, and a trend toward adversarial relationships with patients," Dr. Rovit concluded.

Joseph Murray to deliver Ravdin lecture

Joseph Murray, MD, FACS, will discuss the "Role of Surgeon-Scientists in Medical Progress" during his I. S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences at 1:30 this afternoon in Arie Crown Theatre at McCormick Place East. Dr. Murray is emeritus professor of surgery, Harvard Medical School, and chief of plastic surgery at Brigham & Women's Hospital and at Children's Hospital Medical Center, all located in Boston, MA.

Dr. Murray is the recipient of the 1990 Nobel Prize in Medicine. Dr. Murray received the prize, along with E. Donnall Thomas, MD, for their discoveries that enabled the development

of organ and cell transplantation in humans. Dr. Murray has performed the first successful human kidney transplant, the first successful human renal allograft, and the first successful human renal cadaveric transplant.

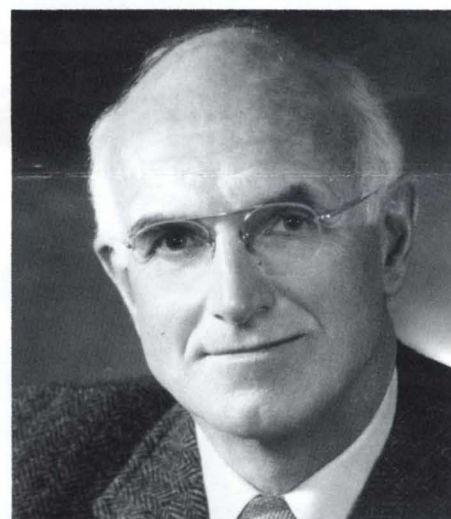
Dr. Murray has also done plastic and reconstructive surgery of the face and head, primarily on victims of serious accidents and on patients with birth deformities.

He received a BA degree in 1940 from Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, and a medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1943. He was a Major at Valley Forge General Hospital, PA, from 1944-47. He returned to

Harvard in 1947 and was board certified in general surgery in 1952 and in plastic surgery in 1954.

Dr. Murray is a former Regent (1970-79) and former First Vice-President (1983-84) of the College.

Sponsored by the I. S. Ravdin Surgical Society, the I.S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences was first delivered in 1964, and honors Dr. Ravdin, President of the College from 1960-1961. The lecture was established by the ACS Board of Regents, who felt that "it was essential that knowledge in the basic sciences which would support surgery should be presented to the Fellowship."



Joseph Murray, MD, FACS

Trauma papers competition approaches

Papers are now being accepted by the ACS Committee on Trauma, and by state and provincial chairmen for the 1992 Residents' Trauma Papers Competition. The competition will be held in Dallas, TX, March 5-6, 1992, during the annual meeting of the Committee on Trauma. The Residents' Papers Competition is open to surgical residents and trauma fellows in the US, Canada, and South America. The papers should be categorized in two basic areas: basic laboratory research or clinical research. Papers should be sent to appropriate ACS state or provincial chairmen, or if the chairman is unknown, papers may be sent to the Trauma Department, which in turn will forward them to the appropriate chairman.

Prize money will be awarded through the generosity of General Motors Corporation, which has provided ACS with a grant to promote trauma research. First- and second-place prizes will be awarded in each category. First-place winners will receive \$3,000 and second-place winners will receive \$2,000. The papers competition is also funded by the Western States Committees on Trauma.

The deadline for submission of papers at the regional level is November 15, 1991. For further information, contact Ms. Cathy Carey, ACS, 55 East Erie St., Chicago, IL 60611; telephone 312/664-4050, ext. 380.

Warren Cole biography available

Warren Cole, MD, and the Ascent of Scientific Surgery, the posthumous biography of Dr. Warren H. Cole, FACS, by Dennis Connaughton, traces the brilliant career of this surgeon, teacher, and investigator who headed the department of surgery at the University of Illinois for 30 years.

Co-discoverer of cholecystography, pioneer in adjuvant cancer chemotherapy, and beloved teacher, he spanned nearly all of the 20th century.

Past President of the American College of Surgeons (1955-1956), Dr. Cole and his wife established in the ACS a substantial education fund, in addition to founding the Warren and Clara Cole Foundation, to which his estate will be dedi-

cated. The foundation, which has already been functioning for several years, provides research support primarily to young investigators at the University of Illinois, where Dr. Cole's career flowered so productively. He held the highest office in many surgical organizations, including the American College of Surgeons where his fellowship spanned six decades.

Information about the Cole educational fund at ACS, the Warren and Clara Cole Foundation, and the biography of Dr. Cole may be obtained from Dr. C. Rollins Hanlon's office at ACS headquarters, 55 E. Erie St., Chicago, IL 60611; telephone 312/664-4050, ext. 417.

Leon Kass to deliver first ACS lecture on ethics and philosophy

The first ACS Lecture on Ethics and Philosophy will be delivered today at 9:00 am in Arie Crown Theatre at McCormick Place East. Leon R. Kass, MD, of Chicago, will present "I Will Give No Deadly Drug: Why Doctors Must Not Kill."

Dr. Kass is the Addie Clark Harding Professor in the College of Social Thought at the University of Chicago (IL). According to Dr. Kass, "The talk is an exploration and defense of the age-old taboo, 'doctors must not kill.' I seek to defend this first principle of medical ethics."

Dr. Kass will examine the consequences of abandoning medical ethics through euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. He will also review con-

temporary views of ethics, the "inner, central meaning of medicine," and medical technology.

Dr. Kass received a BS degree (biology) from the University of Chicago (1958), an MD from the university (1962), and a PhD degree (biochemistry) from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University (1967). He interned at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA, and was a fellow at the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

During the early 1970s, he served on the Committee on the Life Sciences and Social Policy, National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, and conducted independent research on "Concepts of Or-

ganism, Species, and Health—Ancient and Modern."

In 1974, Dr. Kass became the Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., Research Professor in Bioethics at The Kennedy Institute of Ethics of Georgetown University, Washington, DC. He began an affiliation with University of Chicago in 1976 as Henry R. Luce Professor of the Liberal Arts of Human Biology, The College and the Committee on Social Thought, and in 1984 assumed the title of professor in the college. In 1990 he became the Addie Clark Harding Professor in the college.

In addition to his scientific publications, Dr. Kass has published extensively on biomedical ethics and science and human affairs.

This new lecture is presented under



Leon R. Kass, MD

the auspices of the Committee on Ethics and the Advisory Council for Otorhinolaryngology. John Conley, MD, FACS, a New York otorhinolaryngologist, donated \$100,000 to the College to endow a fund that will support the annual lectureship.

Dr. Fisher to speak on breast cancer surgery



Bernard Fisher, MD, FACS

Bernard Fisher, MD, FACS, of Pittsburgh, PA, will present the Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture at 11:00 this morning in the Lindheimer Room at McCormick Place East. Dr. Fisher will speak on "Surgery for Breast Cancer in the Era of Molecular Biology."

Dr. Fisher received a BA and an MD degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He joined the faculty of medicine there in 1959 as professor of surgery, and in 1986 was appointed Distinguished Service Professor. In 1977, Dr. Fisher was appointed by the National Academy of Sciences to a delegation that visited the People's Republic

of China to evaluate research and treatment of cancer.

In 1979, Dr. Fisher was appointed to the President's Cancer Panel by President Jimmy Carter, and in 1986, was appointed to the National Cancer Advisory Board by President Ronald Reagan. He has also served on many key committees for the National Cancer Institute.

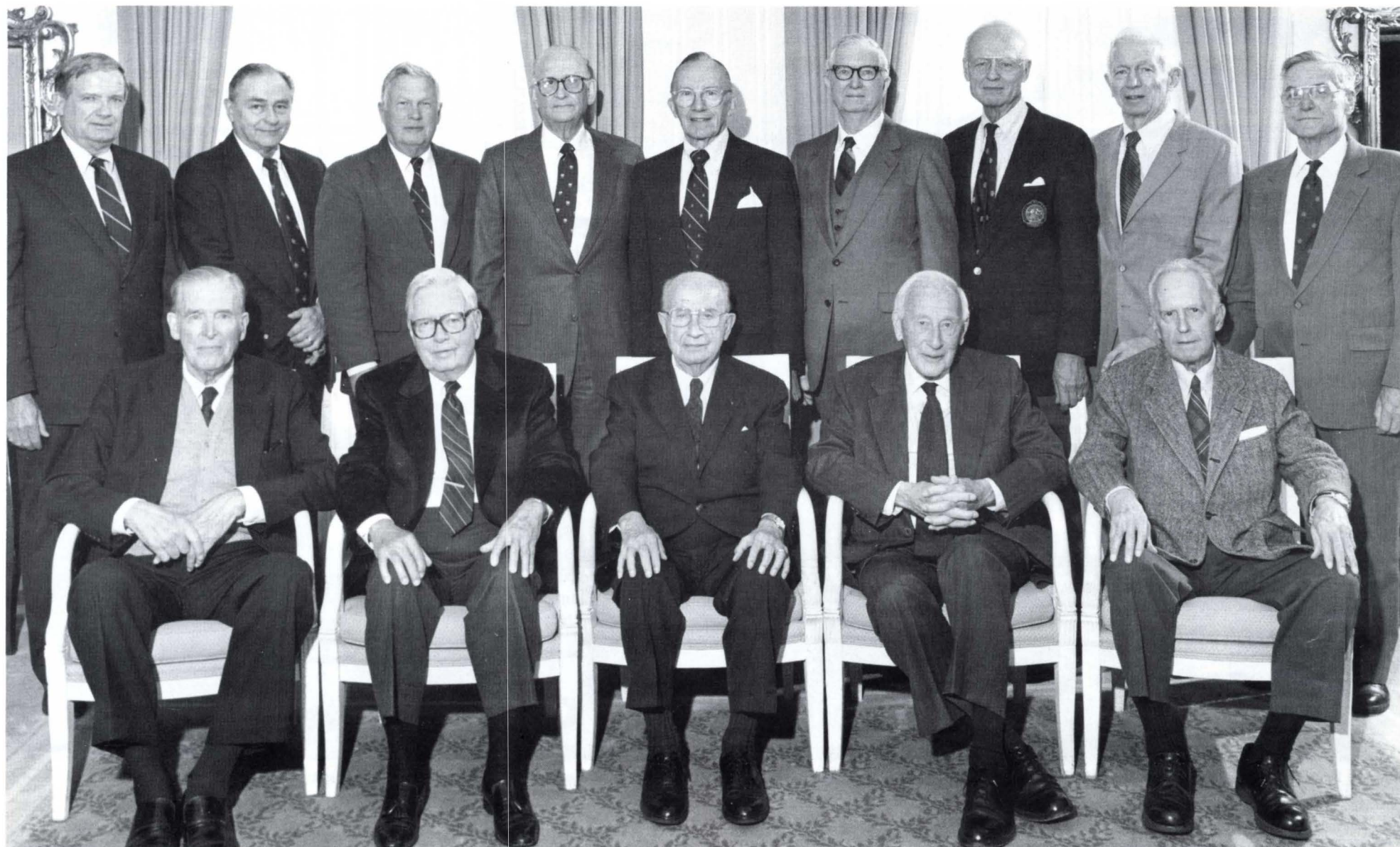
Since 1967, Dr. Fisher has been Chairman of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP). The NSABP is a cooperative clinical trials group whose aim is to improve the treatment of breast and colorectal cancer. Head-

quartered at the University of Pittsburgh and funded by the National Cancer Institute, the NSABP has entered over 30,000 patients into clinical trials through hundreds of participating institutions in the United States, Canada, Australia, and France.

Dr. Fisher is a member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and many other scientific societies. He is currently on the board of directors of the American Association for Cancer Research. He also serves on the editorial boards of numerous scientific journals.



Congress attendees throng to the Registration desks in McCormick Place on Monday.



The Past Presidents of the ACS, who serve as the Advisory Council to the Board of Regents, gathered Tuesday for their annual luncheon. Seated from left to right are: Jonathan E. Rhoads, Philadelphia, PA; William P. Longmire, Jr., MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA; Robert M. Zollinger, MD, FACS, Columbus, OH; Claude E. Welch, MD, FACS, Boston, MA; and H. William Scott, Jr., Nashville, TN. Standing left to right are: David C. Sabiston, Jr., Durham, NC; G. Tom Shires, Lubbock, TX; Charles G. Drake, London, ON; William H. Muller, Jr., Charlottesville, VA; C. Rollins Hanlon, Chicago, IL; James D. Hardy, Jackson, MS; M. J. Jurkiewicz, Atlanta, GA; Henry T. Bahnson, Pittsburgh, PA; Oliver H. Beahrs, Rochester, MN.

At booth 2106

Surgical care text available

To keep the practicing surgeon abreast of new advances in surgical care, the College's Pre- and Post-operative Care Committee has designed a sourcebook that concisely and logically presents current information.

Care of the Surgical Patient is a comprehensive, two-volume 1,500-page loose-leaf text that is updated three times a year. It is written and revised primarily by Fellows of the College. The text has been edited and illustrated by the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN Medicine Publishing Company.

The first volume contains chapters on critical care, and the second volume covers surgical infections and elective care. A detailed index is provided for quick reference.

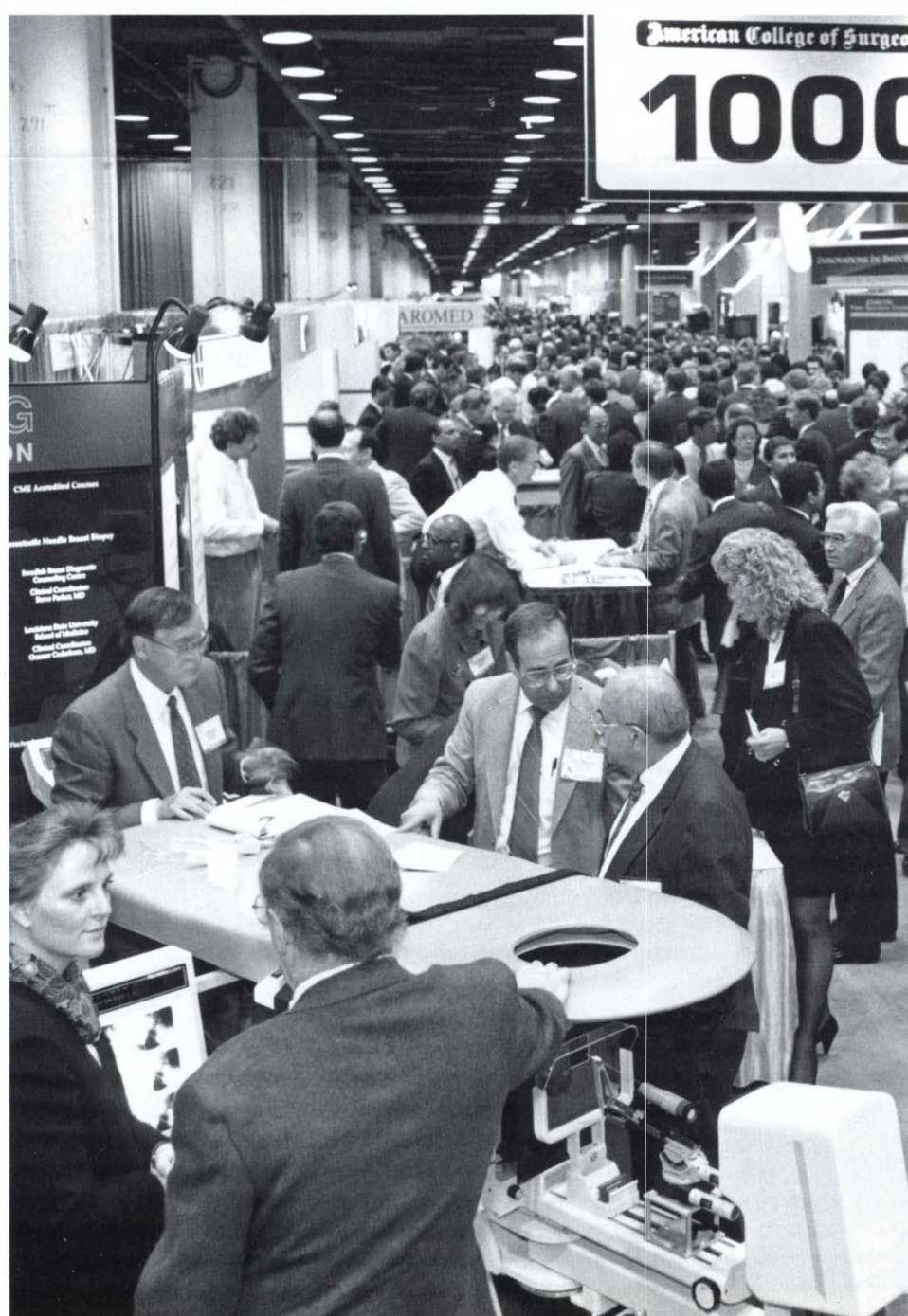
For more information, stop by booth # 2106 in the Technical Exhibit area of McCormick Place, or contact SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN MEDICINE, 415 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017; telephone 1-800-545-0554.



At the third annual recognition luncheon of the Fellows Leadership Society on Monday, Margaret J. Clowes accepted the Distinguished Philanthropist Award on behalf of the Clowes family and the Clowes Fund for their generous contribution to the College in establishing the George H.A. Clowes, Jr., MD, FACS, Memorial Research Career Development Award. Pictured, from left to right, are: Dr. Robert E. Hermann, Chairman of the ACS Committee on Development; Dr. M.J. Jurkiewicz, Chairman of the Fellows Leadership Society; Dr. Oliver H. Beahrs, Advisor to the Committee on Development; Mrs. Clowes; Dr. Thomas W. Langfitt, President and chief executive officer of the Pew Charitable Trusts and keynote speaker at the luncheon; and Dr. William V. McDermott, Jr., member of the Committee on Development.



Surging into and through the Scientific and Technical Exhibit areas offers ample opportunity for conviviality (above) and information (below left).



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colleagues. This generational collaboration, he said, is unique to American medicine.

2. The Surgical Forum Committee has traditionally demanded supporting data, tables, and analyses of research to ensure accuracy.

3. Foreign countries, such as England, Norway, Australia, and Thailand, have been prominently represented in the forum.

He told the surgeons in the audience that were they to review the older *Surgical Forum* volumes, they would find "early, seminal articles in your own fields."

James C. Thompson, MD, FACS, professor of surgery at the University of Texas at Galveston, spoke on "The Next Decade of Surgical Research." He told the audience that he presented his first forum paper in Chicago in 1953, and that "I've been a *Surgical Forum* junkie ever since."

He then outlined some possible areas of investigation that may have an impact on surgery in the future: recombinant DNA technology, minimum invasive surgery, tissue and cellular transplantation, fetal surgery, cytokine research, computer biomodeling, and biocompatible artificial substitutes.

Congress Chronicle

"Supporting humanity in this hour of peril"

The sixth Convocation of the American College of Surgeons was held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago on October 26, 1917. The occasion was viewed as the "greatest medical-military gathering ever held on this continent" (*ACS Bulletin*, 3:2). Hundreds of medical officers from the Army and Navy—both U.S. citizens and Canadians—were present on leave.

Sir Berkeley Moynihan, who was delegated by Sir Alfred Keogh, Director General of the British Army Medical Service, addressed the 313 candidates being admitted to Fellowship in his presentation, "What Is the War About?" Dr. George W. Crile, President of the College, presided and told the gathering: "If you are thinking of offering your services to our Allies, let me assure you that not only will you serve yourself and your country, not only will you enjoy unparalleled opportunities for surgical profit, not only will you be received by our Allies as brothers, but you will internationalize yourselves and establish the imperishable bonds that are wrought by fighting a common cause...supporting the cause of humanity in this hour of peril."

Allied Meetings

Please note: A number of medical school alumni associations and surgical societies will have information booths, usually open the day of the event, in an area adjacent to registration in McCormick Place.

Wednesday

Morning

Societe Internationale de Chirurgie
6:45 am - 8:00 am. Membership Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, Williford C, Third Floor.

Association of Iranian Surgeons
7:00 am - 8:15 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, PDR #2, Third Floor.

SURGERY, Editorial Board
7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast.
Hilton & Towers, Boulevard A, Second Floor.

Society of Clinical Surgery
7:00 am - 9:00 pm. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, PDR #7, Third Floor.

Association of Women Surgeons
7:00 am - 10:00 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, Waldorf Room, Third Floor.

Clinical Pathological Staging Committee, American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
7:30 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5H, Fifth Floor.

Research Committee, American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
9:00 am - 10:30 am. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5H, Fifth Floor.

Tripler General Surgery Program
11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Luncheon.
Hilton & Towers, Boulevard B & C, Second Floor.

Department of Surgery, Michael Reese Hospital
11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Luncheon.
Michael Reese Hospital, Rothschild Center, Atrium.

Afternoon

Society of Genito-Urinary Reconstructive Surgeons
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm. Luncheon.
Hilton & Towers, Astoria Room, Third Floor.

Membership Advisory Committee: Central Surgical Association
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm. Luncheon Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, PDR #6, Third Floor.

AAMI Vascular Prostheses Committee
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, PDR #4, Third Floor.

Society of Genito-Urinary Reconstructive Surgeons
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, Waldorf Room, Third Floor.

Pan American Trauma Society
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 4M, Fourth Floor.

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons, Committee on Current & Future Issues
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5D, Fifth Floor.

Ethicon, Inc.
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
Marriott Hotel, Denver/Houston, Fifth Floor.



The ACS Resource Center, Booth 2051 in the Technical Exhibit area, provides information and displays regarding College departments, publications, and activities.

Evening

Public Relations Committee, American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5A, Fifth Floor.

Military Surgeons — USU Surgical Associates, Dept. of Surgery, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers.

SAGES
5:45 pm - 7:30 pm. Membership Meeting and Reception.
Hilton & Towers, International Ballroom North, Second Floor.

Surgery, Gynecology & Obstetrics Consulting Editors
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, PDR #5, Third Floor.

Department of Surgery, Case Western Reserve University
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, Boulevard B, Second Floor.

Georgetown University Medical Alumni
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, Imperial Suite North, 27th Floor.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Surgical Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Marriott Hotel, Minnesota Room, Mezzanine Level.

John L. Madden Surgical Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Cocktails/Dinner.
Westin Hotel, Regency Room IV.

Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Westin Hotel, Consulates I-III, Second Floor.

Department of Surgery, Columbia University
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, Boulevard A, Second Floor.

Good Samaritan Hospital, Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Westin Hotel, Regents IV, Third Floor.

Society of Graduate Surgeons
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, Williford A, Third Floor.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Palmer House, PDR #4, Third Floor.

St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Palmer House, PDR #7, Third Floor.

University of Massachusetts, Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, Marquette Room, Third Floor.

University of Iowa Department of Surgery Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception/Dinner.
Hilton & Towers, Boulevard C, Second Floor.

Mount Sinai Medical Center
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Marriott Hotel, Great America, Mezzanine Level.

Providence Hospital Alumni Association
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.
Marriott Hotel, Midway Room, 10th Floor.

Cook County Department of Surgery
6:00 pm. Cocktails/Dinner.
Mid-America Club, Standard Oil Bldg, 200 E. Randolph. Call 312/633-5133 for tickets (\$75).

University of Washington Harkins Surgical Society
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, PDR #1, Third Floor.

Pediatric Surgery Biology Club
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception/Dinner.
Palmer House, PDR #1, Third Floor.

ACS/Friends of Bill W.
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 4M, Fourth Floor.

Society of Chinese Surgeons in North America
7:00 pm. Meeting.
Szechwan House, 600 N. Michigan Ave.

Matthew Walker Surgical Society of Meharry Medical College

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, Astoria Room, Third Floor.

Michigan State University, Department of Surgery
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception.
Marriott Hotel, Mich./Mich. State, Mezzanine Level.

Harlem Hospital Center Alumni and Friends
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Reception.
Marriott Hotel, Illinois Room, Mezzanine Level.

Davis + Geck Latin American Reception
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Reception.
Hilton & Towers, Waldorf Room, Third Floor.

American Foundation for Urologic Disease
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Dinner.
Hilton & Towers, 5H, Fifth Floor.

The Society of University Urologists
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm. Dinner Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, PDR #2, Third Floor.

Thursday

Morning

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons, General Surgical Residents
7:00 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, Williford B, Third Floor.

New York State Society of Surgeons, Upstate Chapter
7:00 am - 11:00 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, Astoria Room, Third Floor.

Exhibitors' Advisory Committee, American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
7:30 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5D, Fifth Floor.

The Society of University Urologists
7:30 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, Marquette Room, Third Floor.

Socio-Economic Legislative Committee, American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
9:00 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast Meeting.
Hilton & Towers, 5H, Fifth Floor.



Outstanding medical students, who are recommended each year by their department chairmen, are invited to the Clinical Congress to explore the field of surgery. From left to right, in the front row, are: Richard T. Mahon, Boston University; Eric Bergeron, University of Montreal; Jeffrey K. Zawacki, University of Massachusetts; Victor Hu, Medical College of Wisconsin; Jean F. Smith, Brown University; Mary Lesniewsky, Loyola University; Charles Mack, Tufts University; Mary Chellis, Wright State University; and Nancy L. Bruda, Michigan State University. Second row, left to right: Stephen Sullivan, University of Chicago; Christopher Nielsen, University of Iowa; Jean-Francois Latulippe, Laval University; Mark Shockley, University of Kentucky; Andrew J. Sherman, Rush University; Paramjeet S. Gill, University of Ottawa; Scott A. LeMaire, Northwestern University; and James Ray, Indiana University. Third row, left to right: Michael A. Mackay, Wayne State University; Maryn Ladd, University of Vermont; Martin Zadnik, Medical College of Ohio; Mohammed Mahomed, University of Toronto; and Jim Wolter, Southern Illinois University. Back row, left to right: Saeid Khansarinia, St. Louis University; Jonathan Morris, Washington University; Mark Johnson, University of Minnesota; Chris Lena, University of Connecticut; Timothy R. Quinn, McGill University; Robert Siemens, Queen's University; Alex Boutsellis, Ohio State University; Steve Naum, Case Western Reserve University; Roy Greenberg, University of Cincinnati; Eric A. Espinal, Northeastern Ohio University; John T. Schulz III, Yale University; Kyle J. Jeray, University of Illinois; David Ciresi, Mayo Medical School; Darryl Gray, University of Western Ontario; Richard Pokorny, University of Louisville, KY; William A. Cooper, University of Missouri-Kansas; Christine M. Katterhagen, Chicago Medical School; L. Joe Downing, University of Michigan; Norman J. Snow, MD, FACS, Chairman of the Committee on Surgical Education in Medical Schools' Student Program; and Jeffrey Knezovich, ACS Organization Department. Not pictured: Michel Legault, University of Sherbrooke.

Program Changes

The following scientific exhibit space reassignments have been made since the publication of the official Program Book:

SE-079—American Association of Surgeon Assistants. Gary Bissonette, PA-C; Dave Goddard, PA-C; Dana Gray, PA-C; and Joe Cooper, PA-C. *American Association of Surgeon Assistants, Arlington, VA.*

SE-132—Association of Academic Surgical Administrators. Julie Hagan, President; and Jill Ridky, Past President. *Chapel Hill, NC.*

SE-131—Association of Surgical Technologists. William Tuetsch; Rebecca Compton, CST; and Deborah Pearson, CST. *Association of Surgical Technologists, Englewood, CO.*

SE-080—An Evacuation Hospital in Support of Operation Desert Storm. Victor L. Modesto, MD, FACS; and Col. Richard M. Satava, Jr., MD, FACS. *Dwight David Eisenhower Army*

Medical Center, Fort Gordon, GA; and Silas B. Mays Army Community Hospital, Fort Ord, CA.

SE-093—Gall Bladder Retrieval in Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy. Harry J. Espiner, ChM, FRCS; and W. K. Eltringham, ChM, FRCS. *The Royal Infirmary, Bristol, England.*

SE-121—Laparoscopic General Surgery. Leonard Schultz, MD; Joseph Pietrafitta, MD; John N. Graber, MD, FACS; David F. Hickok, MD, FACS; Keith Kaye, MD; Mary Smith; and Patricia Hartwig, RN. *Abbot Northwestern Hospital Laser Center, Minneapolis, MN.*

SE-038—The Priming Effect of Hypercholesterolemia on Mechanically Induced Intimal Proliferation. Allan D. Callow, MD, PhD, FACS; Scott S. Stevens, MD; Una S. Ryan, PhD; and Klaus Hilgath. *Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO.*

Spring Meeting to discuss future of general surgery

The 20th annual Spring Meeting will be held March 22-25, 1992, at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando, FL. In its planning for this meeting, the Advisory Council for Surgery decided to continue an initiative begun in 1991—that of holding a forum discussion of the future of general surgery on Sunday afternoon. This year's forum program will address "Is the Training of a Surgeon Realistic—Status Quo or Overhaul?" Speakers representing organizations that focus on special aspects of general surgery or that overlap with general surgery in their scientific interest will examine this issue. The session will be open to all who register for the meeting.

From Monday through Wednesday, the scientific program will concentrate heavily on minimally invasive surgery, with a panel discussion on complications of laparoscopic surgery, a film program on laparoscopic techniques, and a postgraduate course on endoscopic surgery that focuses on the management of specific surgical problems as modified by endoscopic and laparoscopic technology. Postgraduate courses addressing vascular surgery, trauma, and basic science for practicing surgeons will also be featured. The socioeconomic panel discussion will deal with the current status of physician reimbursement issues as they relate to surgery. The 1992

Edward D. Churchill Lecture will be delivered by John L. Sawyers, MD, FACS, of Nashville, TN.

Given the interest expressed by many surgeons for technical exhibits at the Spring Meeting, they are being included as part of the educational program. Over 50 companies are expected to display products/services relating to the private practice of general surgery.

Fellows, Associate Fellows, and participants in the ACS Candidate Group pay no registration fee for this meeting. Guest physicians will pay a fee of \$155, and residents and nonphysician guests in the health care field will pay a fee of \$75. Postgraduate courses on Vascular Surgery (PG 1), Abdominal Pelvic Trauma: Critical Decisions (PG 2), Basic Principles for the Practicing Surgeon (PG 3), and Endoscopy for Surgeons (PG 4) will be presented. The fee for each postgraduate course is \$125.

An advance brochure detailing the program, registration procedures, and information about travel and hotel packages will be mailed to all Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidate Group members in January. Also, a preliminary program will be listed in full in the January 1992 *Bulletin*. Further information regarding the Spring Meeting may be obtained from Frank Arado at College headquarters, 55 E. Erie St., Chicago IL 60611; (312) 664-4050.

Registration totals

As of Tuesday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 16,695. Of that number, 8,825 were physicians and 7,870 were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.